

April has been a very busy month. We started off by opening the bids for our sewer project on the Augusta Road. We had seven bidders with a low of \$283,162.00 to a high of \$516,717.00. The low bidder was Manter Construction of Maine. They were approximately \$60,000.00 below the next bid. We have worked with Manter in the past and have been pleased with their work. They were awarded the contract and the project started on May 3 and will last roughly two months. It should be noted that this is a bonded project. In conjunction with this project, I rented two programmable message boards that were set up at each end of the project. Hopefully we will be able to keep the public informed as the project progresses and avoid some complaints. Because of the scale of the project and the favorable bid, I hired a project inspector. He is Roland Lapointe and he is the retired Superintendent of the Waterville Sewage District. He will be my eyes and ears on the project ensuring that it is constructed properly.

On April 13, we started our summer schedule of 4- 10 hour days, Monday through Thursday. Our hours are 6:30 am to 4:30 pm. This is about three weeks earlier than previous years. It is something that was changed in the new labor contract. We will be remaining on this schedule until the beginning of November.

Mike and I have met with the Vassalboro Sanitary District twice in the month of April. I believe we are making progress towards an inter-local agreement to handle their sewage and convey it to KSTD.

As usual, most of our effort has been devoted to street sweeping and clean up. It is progressing fairly smoothly with only a few breakdowns. It sometimes feels like a losing battle when residents sweep all their debris into the road after we have already gone by once. We end up sweeping most areas at least twice. It is a little disheartening to my crew when they go by an area that has been swept and it looks like it did before they swept.

Finally, for everyone's knowledge, I was told that MDOT's paving project on Rte 201 is scheduled to commence after August 1st.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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